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STEPS" TO ASCERTAIN WALLENBERG'S WHEREABOUTS AND SECURE HIS RELEASE TO FREEDOM). THE UNDERSECRETARY EXPLAINED- THAT THIS CASE WAS OF GREAT CONCERN NOT ONLY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE CONGRESS, AND THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT TO THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY. WE WERE AWARE OF RECENT, UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT WALLENBERG WAS STILL ALIVE. WE WERE NOT RAISING THIS IN A CONTENTIOUS WAY, BUT THE CONGRESS HAD REQUESTED THE PRESIDENT TO LOOK INTO THE CASE AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE SOVIET SIDE COULD PROVIDE.

3. AFTER READING THE NOTE, DOBRYNIN ASSERTED THAT ALL

REPORTS WE HAD HEARD WERE COMPLETELY FALSE. DOBRYNIN WAS PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE AND DID NOT NEED ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER ON IT. HE COULD STATE WITH FULL AUTHORITY AND ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY THAT WALLENBERG UNFORTUNATELY HAD DIED YEARS AGO -- AS THE USSR HAD OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE U.S. IN 1980.

4. AT THE UNDERSECRETARY'S INSISTENCE, DOBRYNIN UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THE MATTER TO MOSCOW AND TO INFORM US OF ANY NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING WALLENBERG.

5. BEGIN TEXT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION THE DEEP AND ACTIVE INTEREST TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE HUMANITARIAN MISSION UNDERTAKEN BY RAOUL WALLENBERG DURING WORLD WAR II. AT THE TIME WHEN THE- UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION STOOD UNITED TO
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DEFEAT THE SPREAD OF NAZISM, RAOUL WALLENBERG, ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY AS A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT STATIONED IN BUDAPEST, HELPED SAVE THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF EAST EUROPEAN JEWS THREATENED BY THE NAZIS. WALLENBERG'S COURAGE AND PERSONAL HEROISM IN PURSUIT OF OUR SHARED GOAL OF COMBATTING NAZI ATROCITIES HAS INSPIRED GREAT ESTEEM ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT. IN RECOGNITION OF WALLENBERG'S HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ACTION HAS CONFERRED-

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HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP ON RAOUL WALLENBERG. IN SO DOING, THE UNITED STATES JOINS WITH SWEDEN, - WALLENBERG'S NATIVE LAND, AND WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN HONORING WALLENBERG'S VALIANT HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

IN RECENT MONTHS AND YEARS REPORTS HAVE COME TO LIGHT SUGGESTING THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION. THESE REPORTS INCLUDE ACCOUNTS OF PERSONS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN AND TALKED WITH HIM IN THE SOVIET UNION. HIS FAMILY IN SWEDEN IS MOST ANXIOUS TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS AND, IF HE IS FOUND TO BE ALIVE, TO BE REUNITED WITH HIM. BASED ON OUR DEEP INTEREST IN WALLENBERG'S MISSION, BASED ON OUR -- GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR WALLENBERG'S HUMANITARIAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BASED ON THE HIGH ESTEEM IN WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HOLD RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION INVESTIGATE THE- POSSIBILITY THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG MAY STILL BE ALIVE AND, IF SO, PERMIT HIM TO BE REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY IN

SWEDEN. IN ORDER TO MEET THE CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL CONCERN OVER THE FATE AND WHEREABOUTS OF RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO ASCERTAIN FULL DETAILS CONCERNING RAOUL WALLENBERG'S
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FATE AND HIS PRESENCE IN THE SOVIET UNION AND TO SO ADVISE INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS.

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6. FOR STOCKHOLM: YOU MAY SHARE TEXT OF NOTE AND GIST OF CONVERSATION WITH GOS.
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